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The working class and the whole working people of Turkey are preparing for a most massive celebration of May Day, the day of struggle, solidarity and unity of the working class of the world. Trade unions, progressive women's and youth organisations and various professional organisations have declared that they will actively participate in the May Day celebrations. The main slogan of the hundreds of thousands of May Day participants (it will be celebrated in Taksim Square, May Day Square, in İstanbul) will be: "Fascism shall not pass!"

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey has published the following slogans for May Day 1978:

### **MAY DAY SLOGANS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY**

1. Proletarians of all countries, unite!
2. Long live May Day – the day of struggle, unity and solidarity of the world working class!
3. Forward to establish our people's unity of struggle against the fascist danger and imperialism! Forward to establish the national democratic front!
4. Fascism shall not pass!
5. Let there be decisive measures against the fascist danger! The Nationalist Action Party must be closed, the fascist nests broken up! The political criminals and torturers must pay! The state apparatus must be purged of fascists!
6. The agent of imperialism and the Hitlerites, Türkeş and his partners must be arrested and tried!
7. Communists, socialists and Republican People's Party patriots! Forward to unity of struggle against the fascist escalation and imperialism!
8. No to 141 and 142! All anti-democratic laws must be abolished!
9. Freedom to the Communist Party of Turkey!
10. No to NATO, the enemy of our national independence and security! An end to the yoke of American imperialism! Drive out the aggressive bases on our land! Tear up the bilateral agreements!
11. Struggle for economic independence against the exploitation and exactions of imperialist monopolies and monetary funds!
12. World peace, an end to the arms race! Ban the atom bomb and weapons of mass destruction! No to the neutron bomb!
13. Peace and security in our region! Friendship and cooperation with our neighbours, with the socialist countries!
14. Let an agreement of friendship and non-aggression be signed with the Soviet Union!
15. Struggle for the trade union and political unity of action of all sections of the working class!
16. Long live the TKP – the Marxist-Leninist vanguard of the working class!
17. Communists! For the political unity of the working class, struggle to strengthen the TKP!
18. Communists! Struggle for the unity of action of the TKP, the



Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) and other socialists!

19. Forward for the unity of action of DİSK, Türk-İş and the other trade unions, of all organised and unorganised workers against capitalist exploitation and oppression, class collaborationism, fascist escalation and imperialism!

20. Struggle against unemployment and high prices!

21. Struggle against sackings, for job security!

22. Struggle for the banning of lockouts, against all restrictions on strike and trade union rights!

23. The right of referendum, with secret vote and public counting of votes!

24. For trade union democracy let there be elections at all levels of the trade unions!

25. Struggle against yellow trade unionism and class collaborationism, for unity on the basis of class trade unionism!

26. Equal rights and democratic labour laws for agricultural workers!

27. Long live the internationalist solidarity of Turkish workers working abroad with the proletariat of the countries in which they live!

28. Job security and equal rights for our workers working abroad!

29. Long live the workers' and peasants' unity of struggle – alliance of struggle!

30. Peasants! Unite in peasant committees for democratic land reform! Workers! Support the peasants' struggle against the landlords for land and freedom!

31. Workers and peasants shoulder to shoulder against the monopolies, banks, usurers and middlemen!

32. The burden of taxation to the monopolies! Support artisans and handicraftsmen!

33. Strike and collective bargaining trade union rights for civil servants!

34. The state council decisions against the removal of patriotic civil servants must be applied!

35. Take the army out of the hands of NATO and imperialism! An end to every form of oppression and inequality imposed on patriotic, enlisted men, officers and NCOs! A national army, democracy in the barracks!

36. Youth! Strengthen anti-imperialist, anti-fascist unity!

37. Jobs, democratic education and freedom from fascist attacks for the youth!

38. Equal pay for equal work for working women! Let the health of mothers and children be protected! An end to the sorrow of mothers!

39. Long live the right of nations to self-determination! Struggle against national and chauvinist oppression, for equal rights for the Kurdish people!

40. Long live the unity of struggle of the Turkish and Kurdish working people and the working people of all national minorities against the common enemy, imperialism, fascism, and all forms of discrimination!

41. Workers, peasants, civil servants, intellectuals, artisans and handicraftsmen, soldiers, NCO's and officers! Unite in the struggle against the common enemy, imperialism, the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and the landlords!

42. Struggle for an advanced democracy that will grow into socialism!



43. Long live the struggle of our working class for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism!

44. Long live Marxism-Leninism! Struggle unceasingly against anti-communism, anti-Sovietism and all types of opportunism, right or "left"! Struggle against Maoism, Trotskyism, anarchism and reformism!

45. Greetings to the Soviet Union, the vanguard force of the world revolutionary process, the indestructible fortress of peace and socialism, to the CPSU, the party of great Lenin!

46. Long live the world socialist system! Long live the unity of the world communist and workers' movement! Long live the peoples waging national liberation struggles!

47. Long live proletarian internationalism!

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### **FASCIST ESCALATION AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT**

Armed assaults, bombings and shootings of progressive patriotic youth by fascist commandos belonging to the Nationalist Action Party and its youth organisation, the Ülkü Ocakları, are intensifying in cities across Turkey. The provocations of Maoist saboteurs united in action with the fascist commandos are preparing the grounds for worsening of the brutal attacks. These attacks, aimed at accelerating the rise of fascism, and intimidating the progressive, patriotic forces are taking as their targets not only communists and socialists, but Republican People's Party members as well.

Over the last fortnight, six progressive students have been killed and more than 60 people wounded in violent attacks in various parts of the country. In Ankara, commandos opened submachine-gun fire on students of the Technical Teachers' Training College, killing a student named Zafer Boz and wounding four others, two of them critically. As a result of attacks in Malatya and Kahramanmaraş, the bullets of the fascist commandos took two more victims. Eleven people were seriously wounded. A police officer, Osman Kahraman, was murdered on the orders of Orhan Gabanoğlu, a member of the fascist Nationalist Action Party's youth organisation.

Fascists also shot and critically wounded Server Tanilli, an associate professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of İstanbul. As a result of this attack, Professor Tanilli, who actively struggled for the adoption of decisive measures against fascist attacks and the closing of fascist strongholds, is now faced with permanent paralysis. In Ordu, commandos attacked members of the Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) who were putting up posters, saying, "For national independence, no to NATO!" and "Independent Turkey!" Three people were wounded. Members of the Workers' Party of Turkey were also attacked in İstanbul as they were putting up posters for the "No to NATO!" campaign. In İstanbul, a member of the Fatih branch of the Republican People's Party youth wing was shot and wounded. Another of our countrymen was killed in Kahramanmaraş when fascist commandos attacked a cafe frequented by Republican People's Party members. In Adana, Gaziantep, Manisa, Konya, Kars, Eskişehir, Erzurum, Diyarbakır, İzmir, Bursa, İzmit and



other cities of the country, fascist commando attacks continued with the wounding of many of our fellow countrymen.

The "great march" organised by the Nationalist Action Party in Tandoğan, Ankara, on the 15th of April exposed the intention of the fascist commandos to intensify their murderous attacks. During this show of strength the leader of the NAP, Türkeş, talked about civil war. In order to cover up the brutal attacks, he contrived to shed a few false tears for the patriotic youths whose death he ordered. When police searched the marching NAP members, 22 pistols, a large number of bullets and explosives and a few million Turkish Lira's worth of hashish were found. These instruments of crime revealed once again the true face of the NAP and its youth organisation.

It is now obvious that the NAP, its youth organisation and the Maoist provocateurs are the source of all the murderous attacks and the implements of plans to set up a fascist dictatorship. What has been the attitude of the government in this situation? From the beginning the government has been pursuing an indecisive, passive policy against the fascist menace. It remains a spectator to the developments. Despite concrete evidence that fascist commandos of the NAP murdered Doğan Öz, the deputy public prosecutor in Ankara, and the police officer Osman Kahraman, concrete evidence that they also shot and wounded associate professor Tanilli and are the organisers of brutal attacks in various cities, the government is not yet taking any decisive measures. It is striving to show the bloody events as clashes between right and left. It is not listening to the demands of the working class, our people, the democratic forces. It is not taking any concrete steps towards closing down the NAP and its youth organisation, the Ülkü Ocakları. On the contrary, it is taking the workers who conducted a general strike against fascism to court. The court hearing against 759 workers in İzmir is a concrete example of this. Referring to the "wounds that fascist inclined people inflicted on the state administration and the security forces", Prime Minister Ecevit had to admit the passive attitude of the government. These developments prove once again the correctness of the policy of the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) which, from the beginning demanded decisive measures against the fascist menace, the closing of the fascist NAP and its youth organisation, the Ülkü Ocakları, the arrest and trial of the murderers. The TKP is organising the struggle of the masses for these aims. These are the demands of the Turkish working class, of our labouring people of all the anti-fascist, anti-imperialist forces. The TKP demands that the government abandon its dangerous policy and fulfill all the promises that it made to the people.

## **NEW IMPOSITIONS OF IMPERIALISM**

Imperialism has recently intensified its economic and political pressure on Turkey. By exploiting the indulgent attitude of the government the monopolies and the capitalists have managed to secure new concessions to their profiteering. The government has begun to approve the impositions of imperialism.



After the negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the big financiers of imperialism rushed to Ankara. McNamara, the boss of the World Bank, led a seven member delegation on to Ankara. He held meetings with Ecevit, Finance Minister Muezzinoğlu, collaborating big employers and bankers. McNamara laid down the new conditions of exploitation and profiteering for the new credit to be given soon. He stipulated that the demands already made by the IMF should be met, and that the credit would be given only to those fields in which the World Bank finds it appropriate to invest. Immediately after McNamara's remarks, the representatives of 6 foreign imperialist banks started negotiations with authorities of the Central Bank in Ankara. Among these six banks are City Bank, Chase Manhattan and Morgan Guaranty of the USA, Deutsche Bank of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Union of Switzerland Bank of Switzerland. These are the giant banks of imperialism. The representatives of these 6 banks discussed the formation of an "Aid Consortium", which will include 20 imperialist banks. They laid down new conditions of exploitation for a credit to Turkey which will be around 600 million to 1 billion US dollars. The granting of this credit likewise depends on the fulfilment of the conditions laid down by the IMF.

During the first half of April, in addition to these economic impositions imperialism also continued its political pressures on Turkey. During his visit to Ankara, the Belgian Foreign Secretary, Simonet, said that he listened to Ecevit's anxious statement that, "Under these conditions Turkey will not be able to fulfil its duties within NATO on the desired scale." Simonet said that "this is a military problem which concerns the whole of Western Europe and the United States." Soon after this a delegation led by Warner Christopher, the deputy Foreign Secretary of the United States, arrived in Ankara. During the ensuing meetings, Christopher applied pressure to keep Turkey as an arms depot and attack base for NATO. In order to better fulfil the political and military demands of imperialism, the Ecevit government demanded that the American government lift the arms embargo. This too shows that the Ecevit government wants to solve, so to speak the country's problems by remaining in the chains of imperialism and NATO.

Yet this policy is devastating Turkey. Unbearable high prices, mounting inflation and unemployment and chronic crises are all due to dependence on the economic, political and military organisations of imperialism. At the roots of the continuing tension between Turkey and Greece and the persistence of the Cyprus problem as a major point of confrontation lie NATO and its policy of aggression.

Without taking any concrete steps towards peace, national independence and all-round cooperation with our neighbouring socialist countries, without taking a firm stand against the arms race, and in particular against the neutron bomb, the Ecevit government cannot pursue the "all round foreign policy" of which even Ecevit himself speaks. Our people want peace, freedom, jobs, bread and a human life — not Phantom fighter jets. This is achieved not by acquisition to the demands of the finance organisations of imperialism for exploitation and plunder but, on the contrary, by liberation from imperialism's yoke of slavery, and its political economic and military organisations of repression. The TKP, the progressive forces and our people are fighting for this cause.



## THE CAMPAIGN OF SOLIDARITY WITH "ATILIM" CONTINUES

"Atılım", the publication of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP), is playing an enormous role in the organising of the working class and working people in the struggle against imperialism, the collaborating bourgeoisie and the fascist menace for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism, in the strengthening of the TKP and in the raising of party cadres' ideological consciousness. "Atılım" holds a central place in the life of the party. Workers and working people are collecting money for Atılım. They are informing the newspaper about events and abuses at their workplaces. They are the correspondents of the newspaper.

The "Atılım Solidarity Committees" established by our workers in countries of Western Europe, Federal Germany in particular launched a mass campaign under the title of "Read and get it read" during the course of the first half of April. They organised indoors and outdoors meetings, posterings and exhibitions. The meetings emphasised that "Atılım" is the only newspaper which consistently defends the rights of the workers, peasants, youth and all those who labour. It is the only newspaper which shows them the road of struggle. The meetings called on all workers and working people to take an active part in the campaign to read and make others read "Atılım", to support the newspaper.

The campaign began with a mass rally in the city of Frankfurt in Federal Germany. During the evening the slogans "Atılım is with us!" "Freedom to the TKP!" "We've learned from Atılım, we united in the TKP!" were shouted. Workers made contributions saying "Atılım is our newspaper". Throughout the course of the campaign, our workers showed concrete examples of proletarian solidarity. In strikes they have gained concrete knowledge of the proletarian internationalism which unites them with the struggle of the working class of Europe.

The "Atılım Solidarity" meeting which took place in Cologne on the 15th of April turned into an "Atılım" festival. One thousand workers from Turkey participated. They filled the meeting hall with the slogans: "Freedom to the TKP!", "Long live international solidarity!" and "We've learned from Atılım, we united in the TKP!" The workers cheered the speech of the representative of the German Communist Party (DKP), and messages from the Communist Parties of Chile, Greece, and Portugal.

One worker who participated in the Atılım solidarity campaign said, "The people have an expression: He speaks frankly, they say. This is what I've seen in Atılım. Atılım shows the way and organises the struggle of our working class and people against the collaborating bourgeoisie and international imperialism. Atılım relies on the working class of Turkey, the international working class, the progressive, patriotic forces of the whole world and our friend, the Soviet Union".

The same class consciousness marked the meetings, demonstrations and festivals which were organised in various cities of Federal Germany throughout the "Atılım Solidarity Campaign".



## A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE SOVIET UNION IS SIGNED

On the 5th of April a new trade agreement was signed in Ankara between Turkey and the Soviet Union. The agreement raises by 50% the volume of trade set between the two countries by previous agreement. The new agreement adds electrical energy, helicopters and planes to the industrial products Turkey already receives from the Soviet Union. Import goods which amounted to US \$ 92,780,000 in the previous protocol, will now increase by 49.8%, to US \$ 138,445,000. The types of materials have been raised from 119 to 140. The export quota has also risen by 45.7% to 103,715,000. In addition it was agreed that the two countries will organise a trade fair.

The new trade agreement signed is a step towards the development of all-round cooperation and good neighbourly relations between Turkey and the Soviet Union. Our working class and people demand that this policy be pursued further. Close cooperation with the Soviet Union in the economic, political and cultural spheres will benefit our people. Soviet economic aid is preparing the objective basis to destroy the legacy of imperialism, of the struggle for industrialisation and economic independence. The TKP is struggling for the establishment of close friendly relations with the Soviet Union, for the signing of a pact of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.







